SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

APPEALS

Thursday, January 21, 2021 1:30 p.m. Commission Chambers 1915 N. Stiles Ave. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma www.wcc.ok.gov

Interim Guidance on Commission Appellate Proceedings

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDERPresiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

ROLL CALLPresiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

BUSINESSPresiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE BY CHAIRMAN

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION

- A. Commission Consideration of Adoption of Final Order in the Following Cases:
 - 1. <u>Diana Burbank v. Tropical Plant Design Inc. and Compsource Mutual Ins. Co. (FKA Compsource Oklahoma)</u>, File #CM2017-01135Q

Claimant and Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Edward Grimes appeared for the Claimant and Cynthia J. Braly appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on June 19, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

2. Victor Martinez v. Multiple Injury Trust Fund, File #CM2018-02303YMIF

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Marcus Gowens appeared for the Claimant and Jon Derouen appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 23, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, Commissioner Russell moved to take preliminary action to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's Order and instruct Appellate Counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered at a future meeting.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

3. <u>Bernard Debord Jr. v. Action Group Staffing and CompSource Mutual Ins. Co. (FKA COMPSOURCE OKLAHOMA) and Flintco LLC and Arch Insurance Co., File</u> #CM2019-02911A

Respondent Flintco, and its insurance carrier, Arch Insurance Company, filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Respondent Action Group Staffing, and its insurance carrier, CompSource Mutual Insurance Company, filed a cross-appeal. David P. Reid appeared for the Claimant. Dana L. Gish appeared for Action Group Staffing and CompSource Mutual Insurance Company. John A. McCaleb appeared for Flintco and Arch Insurance Company.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 23, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

4. Bobby Collings v. Multiple Injury Trust Fund, File #CM2017-00899FMIF

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Joe Farnan appeared for the Claimant. John Derouen appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 23, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

5. <u>Steven Bachlor v. IC Bus of Oklahoma LLC and IC Bus of OK A Navistar Inc. Co.</u> (OWN RISK #19208), File #CM2017-05790A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Ray Lahann appeared for the Claimant and David J. Frette appeared for Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 23, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

6. Quincy Tran v. Boeing Co. and Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America, File #CM2017-05844R

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Claimant represented himself pro se. Theresa Bullard appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 23, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, Commissioner Russell moved to take preliminary action to reverse and remand the Administrative Law Judge's decision as contrary to law and instruct Appellate Counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered for continued action at a future meeting.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

7. <u>Charlene Skene v. Dress Barn Inc. and Safety National Casualty Corp., File</u> #CM2018-04158A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Bret A. Unterschuetz appeared for the Claimant and Clark P. Bushyhead appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on December 18, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

8. <u>Vincent Dopler v. NCED Conference Center Marriot and Marriot International Inc.</u> (OWN RISK), File #CM2018-06999K

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Kurt W. Goodwin and Spencer Housley appeared for the Claimant. Jennifer Finley appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on December 18, 2020. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, Commissioner Russell moved to take preliminary action to reverse and remand the Administrative Law Judge's decision as contrary to law and instruct Appellate Counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered for continued action at a future meeting.

Possible Action:

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9. Joseph Garzone v. MITF, File #CM2016-05110A

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Michael C. Bell is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Richard Cole is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on January 15, 2021. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, Commissioner Russell moved to take preliminary action to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's Order and instruct Appellate Counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered at a future meeting.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

10. Valerie Wilson v. MITF, File #CM2017-00270K

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Alex Forbes is the attorney of record and Richard Cole is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on January 15, 2021. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

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D. Announcements

The Commission's next dual advisory meeting is Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. The Commission's next special business meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The Commission's next regular business meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. The Commission's next regular appeals meeting is Friday, February 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.....Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta